

# IVHS football balancing inexperience with depth

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The Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) football team is gearing up for the 2016 season, and head coach Bruce Reece said the team is looking to make big strides over last year.

"We're gonna be inexperienced," Reece said. "We'll have more depth than we did last year, but we're looking to improve on last year's season quite a bit."

Those improvements will come in the form of a stronger

passing game, which will come from a smoother center/quarterback exchange and overall good fundamentals. The team exclusively runs shotgun out of the snap, and Reece said the key to better passing will be the run game.

"Our skill players are really good, and if we can solidify our run game like we think we can then that'll just make our passing game that much more effective," Reece said.

IVHS struggled with numbers last year, as the junior varsity (JV)

team was unable to finish the season due to running out of players. That hit was also felt on the varsity squad, which went 1-7 for the season.

"Getting the numbers up, having a JV schedule; that's the most important part of what we're gonna have to do this year," Reece said.

Reece said he expects 38-50 players on the team this year. The team could see up to 12 seniors, but there is only a handful currently committed. Those include Ross Gaynor at quarterback and outside linebacker; Jacob Solomon and Paul

Binker on both sides of the defensive line; Zach Lindell at running back and linebacker; and Skyler McLanahan at receiver, running back and outside linebacker.

The team will largely be young, inexperienced players, but Reece said what the team does have is a broad and talented skillset.

"We've got a real good core of skill players," Reece said. "They're new, but we're going to be deeper than the in the past."

The first glimpse of the IVHS football in action will be at North

Valley's jamboree versus North Valley High School Friday, Aug. 26. The team kicks off the regular season against Scio High School in Scio the week after, and IVHS's home opener will be against Santiam Christian School Friday, Sept. 9.

Reece said he projects the team to go 6-3 in its nine-game season, and winning two out of three of its league matchups would send IVHS to the postseason.

"We're gonna be fun to watch, that's the exciting part," Reece said.

## The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the Illinois Valley News archives

This week is a special request to travel back to March 18, 1955. Lost digits, injuries overseas, spontaneous combustion and Bill Nye, oh my! This sets the tone for what can only be, The Archive Zone.

**Loses finger in accident at Arrow Factory saw.** Rocky Jones, an employee at the Claude Reinoehl arrow factory, lost a finger on his left hand Wednesday afternoon. Jones was working with a gang saw when the accident occurred. Other fingers on the same hand were badly bruised, but it is believed they can be saved. Valley Ambulance took Jones to Josephine General Hospital Wednesday evening, shortly after

the accident which occurred at 5 p.m. He was expected to return home Thursday (yesterday).

**Pfc. Gene L. Gant injured in Korea.** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gant of Holland received an army telegram March 8 telling them that their youngest son, Pfc. Gene E. Gant, had been seriously injured in a sprayer tank explosion at his post in Korea. Pfc. Gant is now at the 121st evacuation hospital, APO 971, San Francisco, recovering from a compound fracture of the skull and perforated left eye. The army will keep the parents posted on his condition every 10 days. Through the American Red Cross, the Gants older son, S/Sgt. Richard

Gant of the 16th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Okinawa, has been notified and has obtained leave to visit his brother.

**Firemen called to Tom White place as blazing garage threatens houses.** A blazing garage at the Tom White home 1 and 1 1/2 miles south of Cave Junction on Redwood highway called volunteer firemen out at 1:20 a.m. Saturday. Quick action however, by Isabel Mellow at the telephone company, and the Valley volunteers kept the flames from spreading to surrounding buildings. The fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion was discovered by Mrs. White when light from the flames

awakened her. Two fire district trucks and a dozen foremen arrived at the scene eight minutes after the call went in. Although the garage and stored wood inside of it was already lost, the volunteers saved the White home and guest house, where Mrs. White's mother, Irene McCasland lives, was not more than 25 feet from the blaze.

**IVHS teacher, son in accident.** Robert Farrand, Illinois Valley High School teacher, and his son, Robert, Jr., returned from Josephine General Hospital Monday evening via Valley Ambulance. The two were injured in an automobile accident on Caves Highway Thursday evening, March 10, when

Farrand's car swerved off the road and hit a tree in an attempt to miss another car. Seven-year-old Bobby, whose broken leg must remain in traction from four to six weeks, can recuperate at home. Bill Bye and Vern Larson fellow teachers at IVHS, finished building a traction arrangement for his bed on Monday. It was used in the ambulance which brought him home. Bobby also received a badly lacerated nose and mouth and lost several teeth in the accident. His father suffered serious cuts on the head and a mangled left leg. Les Tythcott drove the Farrands to the hospital Thursday afternoon in the Valley ambulance. The car was totally damaged in the wreck.

## Spaceman: 'Follow your heart'

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The quiet trees of Takilma are home to a community of environmentally conscious and alternative lifestyle-living former wanderers, left over from the 1960s and '70s. But among these earth-rooted people is a man who lived a life on the road and embodies the hippie movement, and he's been sending home peace and meaning on the Takilma airwaves since 1996.

Leo "Spaceman" Goodman was born and raised in Natick, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston. He said he remembers one of his first tastes of activism while in high school, when the various Boston-area universities went on strike protesting the 1970 invasion of Cambodia.

"All this stuff was coming up like crazy, everywhere," Spaceman said. "You had the woman's rights movement, you had gay liberation--you had a lot of things going on. People were just questioning the whole paradigm."

Spaceman has spent his life as an activist, and he was heavy into the antinuclear movement of the late '70s and early '80s. But before that he did some traveling, and not through a typical mode of transportation. Fresh out of high school, he hitchhiked across the country from Boston to San Francisco, and then back again.

"That opened my eyes. That summer of '72 was a big summer for me," Spaceman said. "I found myself in that summer."

But before he delved into following his true self, he tried college to appease his parents. Spaceman spent two years at Northern Colorado University studying anthropology and environmental science, but he didn't see it going anywhere for him. He wanted to work and be a functioning part of society.

"My sophomore year a friend of mine said he was taking a carpentry class, and I thought, 'Damn, what am I doing here?'" Spaceman said. "I wanna be out in the world working. That's what I wanna do. I wanna do carpentry."

He finished his sophomore year and quit

school after to pursue the trade, and Spaceman found some of his first carpentry work framing and building houses in Vermont. His first real involvement in the antinuclear effort followed soon after, when activists occupied the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant in 1978. He was attached to the movement, and things kept rolling from there.

"Back then, you could feel it in the air," Spaceman said. "There was big changes happening. You didn't have to go very far to figure it out, what was happening."

After the Seabrook occupation, Spaceman set out for Europe and spent seven months of 1979 hitchhiking and visiting natural wonders. He also worked, helping build a peace Pagoda in England and working construction in Greece. Spaceman said he also spent a fair amount of time camping on Grecian beaches.

He returned home and picked up more carpentry work in Boston, but Spaceman said he wasn't feeling at home.

"I was always coming back to the west coast," Spaceman said. "And this is where my family is. My roots. Even though my roots are on the east coast, this is the people I dig."

A friend convinced him to visit out west, and this time Spaceman wasn't looking back.

"I said, 'I'm buying a ticket but I'm not coming back,'" Spaceman said. "And I didn't. I got a one-way ticket and I hitchhiked up the coast to Santa Cruz and started living in a commune."

That was in 1981, which ended up being a pivotal year in Spaceman's life. While hitchhiking, he met up with two organizers of an effort to occupy the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and Spaceman hopped right on board.

Spaceman said the protesters were over 1,000 strong, and the whole point was to get arrested and make a scene in order to bring attention to the movement, but they weren't going out easy. The protestors hiked through backcountry and up to the top of Diablo Peak, overlooking the nuclear plant, waving "Stop Diablo" banners and making their point.

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